

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Application No.: 09/899,383

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
HIGH-SPEED THICKNESS MAPPING
OF PATTERNED THIN FILMS**

Art Unit: 2877

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated September 23, 2004, be extended three months from December 23, 2004 to March 23, 2005 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$510.00 for a three-month extension for a small entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application,

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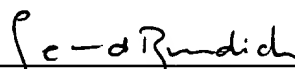
then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee due herein, fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038** referencing Howrey Dkt. No. 02578.0006.CPUS01. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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